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R. E. Kingsford, Esq.,
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Dear Mr. Kingsford:

Many thanks for your letter. I have not seen the article by Lord Charnwood in the "Contemporary Review", but I will endeavour to find it. However, I came across from England with Lord Charnwood and know him very well indeed, and feel convinced that you put a wrong estimate upon his attitude. Of course he has all along been very friendly to the United States, and has written the best life on "Lincoln", but there is no question as to his strong belief in the merits and virtues of the Briton and in the Empire. One of those about whom he used to talk to me most frequently was Lord Cromer for whom he had a great admiration, and his conviction as to the place that Britain holds in the present war and what is owing to her is of the strongest possible kind.

As for myself I believe that it is extremely important now that everything to strengthen the feeling of friendship between the English-speaking peoples should be done because in the future the goodwill of the world depends upon the good feeling between the British Empire and the United States. I am astonished at the change that has come over the United States. It is all full of the best augury for those who come after us. With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

October 31st, 1918

R. E. Kingsford, Esq.,
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Dear Mr. Kingsford:

I have not yet been able to get the "Contemporary" from our Library, but I asked Mr. Langton to try to find the number. As I said before from what I saw of Lord Charnwood I could not regard him as a dangerous influence. Though I believe with you that we shall go on our own way with a constitution and a democracy different from that of the United States, each performing its own service. But, I am also absolutely convinced that the welfare of the future depends in a very large measure upon the increasing goodwill between the two portions of the English-speaking nations, and I certainly shall regard it as my duty to increase that good will while I remain true to my own country and the Empire. We must try to remove misunderstandings as far as possible and to make a happier world for those who come after us.

Yours sincerely,

President.

January 16th, 1919

H. B. Kingsford, Esq.,

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Dear Mr. Kingsford:

On my return from Ottawa I find your letter together with the copy of "The Telegram". I have made inquiries from the Registrar and cannot find any trace of a student with the name "Charnie" nor can the office give me any information as to any such person.

I have also asked Mr. Cannon about the access that the average undergraduate has to such literature as you refer to, and he tells me that when he had found the ban placed by the Censor on the publications of a certain sort he had them all removed from the shelves.

I myself believe that the University is one of the most stabilising influences in giving students and all connected with the institution a high sense of their duty to the public, and though there may be individuals who hold extreme views, these I think must be very few.

Yours sincerely,

President.

March 29th, 1919

C. S. Kingsford, Esq.,

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Toronto.

Dear Mr. Kingsford:

I have to thank you for your booklet "Watchman what of the Night" which I have read with much interest. I think, however, that I am more optimistic than you are with regard to the stability of our Canadians and their adherence to our old ideals. Do you not think that the splendid exhibition made in the war by our own Canadian manhood is the best proof that we may look forward to the future with great confidence? I think there is nothing finer than the quality of our young manhood as has been shown in these last few years.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.